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SUBJECT: BILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MEXICO

REF: (A) MEXICO 8237; (B) STATE 213907

1. EMBASSY CAN CONFIRM TO CABRERA THAT OUR VIEWS REGARDING MEXICO CITY DISCUSSIONS COINCIDE WITH THOSE OF GOM, I. E., PURPOSE IS AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS NOT RESULTING IN COMMITMENTS TO ACTION ON PART OF EITHER GOVERNMENT. IT IS OUR INTENTION THAT ALL PREPARATIONS FOR MEETING WILL BE HANDLED EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, I. E., STATE TO EMBASSY TO FOREIGN SECRETARIAT.

2. POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING COAST GUARD OFFICER IN U. S. TEAM DOES RELATE TO DISCUSSIONS OF OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES SPILLS CONTINGENCY PLANNING. DEPARTMENT COGNIZANT OF GOM'S APPARENT RELUCTANCE TO ENTER INTO JOINT CONTINGENT

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CY PLANNING EXERCISE. OUR IDEA, HOWEVER, IN INCLUDING

COAST GUARD OFFICER AT TECHNICAL LEVEL IS TO INQUIRE OF THE MEXICANS HOW WE MIGHT WORK COOPERATIVELY TO CLEAN UP A SPILL AFFECTING WATERS OF BOTH COUNTRIES. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON U. S. CLEAN-UP TECHNIQUES BASED ON OUR R & D EFFORTS AND EXPERIENCE. IN THIS CONNECTION, ASCERTAINING NAMES OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS AT LOCAL LEVEL WHO MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN SUCH CLEAN-UP WOULD BE USEFUL. NEVERTHELESS, IF COAST GUARD OFFICER'S PRESENCE AND/OR DISCUSSION OF SPILLS IS OPPOSED BY GOM, HE WILL, OF

COURSE, NOT BE INCLUDED. PLEASE ADVISE

3. DEPARTMENT NEEDS URGENTLY RESPONSE TO REFTEL (B) REGARDING DATES FOR MEETING AND WHETHER GOM WILL PROVIDE WELL BEFOREHAND LISTING AND EXPLANATION OF BORDER-POLLUTION PROBLEMS, AS VIEWED BY MEXICANS. KISSINGER

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